

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of copending application 09/958,360. The claims presented in the present divisional were withdrawn from further consideration in the parent application following the restriction requirement mailed in the parent on January 23, 2003. The claims presented herein are directed to the subject matter which the Examiner identified as Group II. The Examiner identified Claims 18, 25 and 26 as the Group III claims, and applicants reserve their right to re-submit the Group III claims and file yet another divisional application.

The specification is amended to identify the parent application.

The subject matter of original claim 17 is presented herein as new claim 27; and new claims 28-30 are added to further define the subject matter of claim 27. Finally, original claims 19-24 are amended to improve their form, consistent with U.S. patent practice.

Accordingly, claims 19-24 and 27-30 are presented for consideration. An early notice of allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited.

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